

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MOBILITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

GENERAL SUBJECT: Traffic Signs		NUMBER: MM-324
SPECIFIC SUBJECT: W16-5P, W16-6P and W16-7P Supplemental Arrow Plaques		DATE: October 1, 2003
		SUPERSEDES:
DIRECTED TO: District Administrators		SIGNATURE: <i>Raymond J. Khoury, P.E.</i>

The Millennium Edition of the Federal *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)* implemented new supplemental arrow plaques (W16-5P, W16-6P and W16-7P) to be used with warning signs.

To reduce costs while still providing adequate identification of the specific warning, the Department has decided that M5-1, M6-1 and M6-2 supplemental arrow plaques may be used in lieu of those arrow plaques. The M6-2 supplemental arrow plaque will be installed so the arrow is sloped downwards. The background color of the signs shall be either yellow or fluorescent yellow-green, as applicable, and shall match the background color of the warning sign it is supplementing.

This will allow the Department to utilize its existing inventory of screens while reducing the total square footage usage of aluminum and retroreflective sheeting. This has been discussed with the Federal Highway Administration and they have expressed an interpretation that Section 2C.43 of the *MUTCD* permits this use of the M5 and M6 series signs in lieu of the W16 series of signing.

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